

# Dry Law Fate Rests on N. Y., Asserts Bryan

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Prohibition throughout the country  
depends on the success of New York  
city in enforcing the law, according to  
a statement made by William Jennings  
Bryan yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bryan  
called Police Commissioner Richard  
Enright and conferred with him for one  
hour on the prohibition situation. Upon  
leaving the office of Commissioner Enright,  
he said:

"I saw he was enforcing the law."  
"What law?" some one asked, and  
Colonel Bryan replied:  
"Why, the prohibition law. I came  
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regular vote?" interrupted a listener.  
"I don't think it would matter," re-  
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lice under Captain McKinney had  
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peared and said it was their case and  
that they would take charge of the  
warehouse. The police called for re-  
sistance by force of numbers, re-  
sisting their seizure. The police threat-  
ened to lock up the Federal agents if  
they did not leave the building.

District Attorney Albert B. Unger  
said yesterday that the Federal agents  
were outside the law in this  
case. To prove his point Mr. Unger  
cited Section 177A, Code of Criminal  
Procedure, which reads in part:  
"If the Federal authorities shall have  
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cating liquors by seizure thereof under  
the provisions of the Federal prohibi-  
tion act, such cases shall be ex-  
cluded and such liquor shall not be  
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of this section."

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Grand juries yesterday continued to  
deliberate in cases of offenders who  
were carrying liquor on their persons.  
In the grand jury, of which Clarence  
S. Spayd is foreman, in Kings County,  
arrests up to yesterday totaled 1-  
8, with heavy seizures of liquors,  
and other contraband of the rum  
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Thomas Kearns, a bartender, 620  
Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, was sen-  
tenced by Federal Judge Chaffetz to  
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eight men named by Governor Miller  
to fill these offices will qualify before  
Secretary of State John J. Lyons. It  
is understood that Governor Miller is  
to confer with these officials at the  
Executive Mansion after they have  
taken their oath.

Those named to have supervision over  
public utilities in the state are George  
McAneny, Leroy T. Harkness and Gen-  
eral John F. O'Ryan, who as Transit  
Commissioners will be charged with  
the duty of solving New York City's  
rapid transit tangle, and William A.  
Prendergast, Oliver C. Semple, both of  
New York; Eugene Van Voorhis, of  
Rochester; Charles G. Blackstone, of  
Binghamton, and William R. Pooley, of  
Buffalo, who as Public Service Com-  
missioners will have jurisdiction over all  
public utility corporations, including  
water power companies.

Alfred M. Bennett, Public Service  
Commissioner, had the employees of  
the commission assemble in the hear-  
ing room at noon yesterday. He bid  
them goodby and thanked them for  
their cooperation and efficiency during  
the time he had been head of the com-  
mission. It is expected that the new  
Public Service Commission will take  
over the work of the present commis-  
sion Tuesday.

Austen B. Fox, an investment broker,  
of 154 Nassau Street, who made appli-  
cation to the Board of Estimate Friday  
for a franchise to operate a city-wide  
bus system on a five-cent fare, declared  
yesterday that he was prepared to start  
fifty busses within two weeks after the  
city had granted a franchise. He said  
that these back of the enterprise had  
incorporated a company under the  
name of the City Transit Company.

Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the  
New York Republican County Com-  
mittee, at the National Republican  
Club yesterday said that the attempt  
by Corporation Counsel O'Brien to  
block Governor Miller's traction reor-  
ganization on the ground that the  
Knight-Adler bill is unconstitutional,  
would be fruitless for the Hearst-  
Hylan-Tammany combination.

The newly appointed commis-  
sioners in due time will apply to the  
Supreme Court for an order requiring  
Commissioner Delaney to turn over  
his books and office to the new body.  
said Mr. Koenig. The commission is  
a state body, and not under the con-  
trol of the Mayor or the Corporation  
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of the new commission is an ab-  
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While there have been several simi-  
lar resolutions introduced in the  
House the Rogers resolution is un-  
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City Knew Him as Printer

"New Yorkers in this part of the city  
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and inventor he ranked among the  
greatest of his contemporaries."

City Knew Him as Printer

"New Yorkers in this part of the city  
love to think of him as Benjamin  
Franklin, the printer, the description  
which found most favor with himself.  
Yonder, in plain view of this building,  
stands an harmonious statue depicting

the simple grace, meekness and dignity  
of the kindly old patriot, as though  
content to rest his laurels on The  
Pennsylvania Gazette, which he holds  
invitingly to the passer-by in Printing  
House Square."

When the Mayor had finished his ad-  
dress Colonel Louis A. Ames, past  
president general of the Sons of the  
American Revolution, spoke for  
America, and was followed by Gaston  
Liebert, French Consul General here,  
who spoke for France. Rear Admiral  
Huse, president of the 3d Naval Dis-  
trict, spoke for the Navy, and General  
William Wiegell for the Army.

M. Liebert declared that everything  
that has been said about Franklin  
should remind Americans of the influ-  
ence of the statesman on his arrival in  
France upon the whole course of  
French history. He said he was sure  
that the memory of Washington,  
Franklin and Lafayette has so  
strengthened the ties between France  
and America that whatever may hap-  
pen in the future, France and the  
United States will remain friends and  
champions of freedom and independ-  
ence.

Rene Viviani was represented at the  
ceremony by Marcel Knecht, who de-  
clared that the French Republic has  
been honored to have taken part in  
the exercises.

The ceremonies ended with the sing-  
ing of "America" and the playing of  
the hymn "The Star-Spangled Banner"  
by the Eight Rev. James H. Darling-  
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